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FROM THE STATE HOUSE

NJN Grant approved

The Assembly Transportation Authority Telecommunications and High Technology Committee approved legislation to appropriate \$745,000 in federal funds to replace an aging transmitter used by New Jersey Network.

The legislation (A-4471), sponsored by Assemblymen Watson and Mallon would bring a federal match from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration together with previously authorized state money to replace the Public Broadcasting Authority's Channel 50 transmitter in Montclair.

Port Authority to help protect harbor

The State Assembly approved legislation by a 70-0 vote that would require the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to establish an environmental protection program for the harbor area shared by both states.

The bill is sponsored by Assemblymen Bob Smith and Edward I. Saloner.

Under the terms of the bill, the Port Authority would be required to establish a program that includes providing sufficient resources to assist and cooperate with State and federal agencies and municipal government in various joint projects to upgrade the water quality in the harbor.

Affordable housing Legislation wins OK

The General Assembly approved innovative legislation that allows corporate tax cuts to New Jersey businesses which lease, donate or lease land that can be set aside for affordable housing development.

Downsizing military will reduce black opportunity Increasing competition for civilian jobs could further weaken employment

WASHINGTON, DC — The planned reduction of military forces that was delayed by "Desert Storm" will likely reduce the number of black Americans in the armed services by from 100,000 to 110,000 over the next five years. This reduction, which

the military plans to achieve primarily by cutting recruitment, will, in combination with a recession in the near term, significantly reduce opportunities for blacks currently in the military and the next generation of black high school graduates looking to

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Urquhart elected council president

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — Last Monday evening after four and a half months without a president, the Plainfield City Council elected

Councilwoman Elizabeth Urquhart as president.

The office of president is usually chosen at the Jan. 1 reorganization meeting, but five of the Democrats split the vote 3-2 over choice of Urquhart and Council-

man Earl Robinson and the two lone Republicans would not add their votes for a majority. The Democrats tried again on several occasions to change the outcome, but Urquhart only got two other votes from Fahomah El-Amin and Malcolm Dunn, while Robinson received one more from Helen Miller. Ironically Miller revoked her support of Robinson "with mixed emotions and great reluctance" due to Robinson's decision to run as an independent, after he

was rejected by the Regular Democratic Party. The party put El-Amin up for his seat.

The council chose a temporary chairperson for each of the past fourteen meetings this year. Councilman Jon Bramnick nominated Urquhart stating that the postponing of the process was not positive for the council or the city and a president was needed to review recent reimbursement requests that seems weird. Urquhart received six votes, with Robinson stating he was "present but not voting."

The council president serves as spokesperson and also sets the agenda with the city clerk.

Mitchell pleased with drug arrests

PLAINFIELD — Mayor Harold Mitchell announced that he was pleased with the results of the combined efforts of the Somerset County, Union County and Middlesex County Border Anti-Drug Team (BADT). This team, since August 1990, has made 140 arrests, executed 12 search warrants, and made 105 undercover purchases of illegal narcotics, mainly in the City of Plainfield.

This effort was culminated early yesterday with team warrants, arresting 41 persons who have sold to the undercover agents during the past seven months.

Teams of officers executed

search warrants at five locations in the city in which four additional arrests were made and a quantity of narcotics (crack) were seized.

The arrests were in addition to the 140 previously noted thus bringing the total to approximately 185 for the entire operation.

Mayor Mitchell stated, "that these collective investigations will be ongoing in an effort to rid our community of drugs."

Mayor Mitchell also stated, "Today's large scale operation was the Police Division's first using the City's narcotic dog, 'Crockett,' who has just completed his training."

CITY NEWS



Mayor James announces staff reductions

NEWARK — Mayor Sharpe James announced that the administration plans to reduce its workforce by 10 percent to help close a budget shortfall and prevent "an astronomical increase in the tax rate."

The action will result in the elimination of 235 vacant positions and the layoff of 240 employees.

Included in the plan is the streamlining of the Police and Fire Departments which calls for the abolishing of the police and fire chiefs positions. The individuals serving in these slots will be reassigned.

"Currently we have directors and chiefs in both departments, which results in an overlap or duplication of services. There will be no leadership void in the elimination of these positions," said James.

In addition, the Mayor has directed that 70 percent of existing police resources be earmarked to field operations. "In 1991, the public can expect to see more police officers on patrol throughout the City."

"Police officers belong on the street," he maintained. Newark police officers are a very professional and highly trained group. They want to use this training to serve the public more effectively by cracking down on those who prey on the community and not be bogged down by unnecessary bureaucratic operations."

"The accomplishment of which I am most proud is that more police officers have graduated from the Police Academy during my administration than at any time in our city's history," said James. He noted, 72 recruits currently are enrolled in the academy, and the pending layoffs will not affect police services."

James contended the City's budget problems stem from reduced collections because of regional and national economic conditions and a 56 percent increase in sewage disposal costs imposed by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) due to the ban on ocean sludge dumping.

"While we are taking these actions, we will give the laid off employees first preference as positions open up in other necessary job areas," he said.

City Business Administrator Richard Monteth said that approximately 90 layoff notices were sent out to provisional employees. Their final date of employment is April 26.

"We anticipate issuing layoff notices to 150 permanent employees on May 6," he noted, explaining, "Civil Service requirements mandate that permanent employees must be given a 45 day notice."

Monteth pointed out that the reductions are "across the board" affecting middle management, as well as lower level employees. "This personnel reduction represents the first layoff under the James administration," he noted.

"And, while these measures are (Continued on page 6)

Cosby Kid visits Queen City



Keshia Knight Pulliam, of the Cosby Show makes a guest appearance to salute day-care and Head Start child development programs. With her is Rick Taylor, director of South Second Street Youth Center. Photo by Ray Bailey

Mayor Palmer keynote speaker at Frontiers event

NEWARK — Frontiers International, Inc. will present Distinguished Service, Community Service, and Achievement Awards to outstanding citizens in Essex County who have served the community above and beyond the call of duty on May 19 at the Quality Inn in Newark.

This year's Awards will be presented to Edward V. Verner, Ruben Johnson, Rev. Perry Simmons Jr., Ms. Tammi Tellis and

Hon. Katherine V. (Kitty) Taylor. Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, Mayor of Trenton, will be the Keynote Speaker at this momentous occasion.



Trenton Mayor Palmer

A Youth Award will be presented to an outstanding student from the Essex County area.

The Frontiers International, Inc. is a nonprofit service organization, established with a mission to service others. The Newark Club made great strides in promoting Village Research and Treatment. The organization, comprised of business, professional and other men who are active in the community, have supported various charitable activities including seeing eye dogs for the blind, blood donations, scholarships, life memberships in the NAACP and Urban League, Negro College Fund, and fundraisers to establish the First Village Treatment Center in the City of Newark.

Tickets are \$25 for the 9 a.m. event at 50 Park Place. For further information call Clyde Winter, Breakfast Chairman at (964-9420).

Grant to tackle drugs and downsizing as Sheriff

by Stephanie Barnes

NEWARK — Ralph Grant, President of the Newark Municipal Council, and Councilman-at-Large when asked about his feelings on the "downsizing" of county officers, referred to it as a "traumatic experience." Anyone challenged with the dilemma of a layoff is faced with the potential of having their lives put in financial jeopardy. "They are confronted with the possibilities of losing their homes

mandate that permanent employees must be given a 45 day notice."

Monteth pointed out that the reductions are "across the board" affecting middle management, as well as lower level employees. "This personnel reduction represents the first layoff under the James administration," he noted.

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Payne briefing highlights Kuwaiti small business opportunities

NEWARK — At a briefing held by Tenth District Congressman Donald Payne on the Newark campus of Rutgers University, Kuwaiti Ministry of Planning Undersecretary, Dr. Abdulhadi Al-Awadi, gave assurances that small businesses will be included in the rebuilding of Kuwait.

About 400 people attended the briefing, which featured a panel of business experts and representatives of government agencies involved in the contracting process.

The Kuwaiti Undersecretary, who serves as deputy director of Kuwait's Emergency and Reconstruction Program, explained that there are two phases of the rebuilding process. The first phase involves restoring basic services,

including water and communications, and the second focuses on the physical reconstruction of buildings and other structures.

The Kuwaiti official encouraged small companies to fill out a KERP (Kuwaiti Emergency Reconstruction Program) application so that the information can be entered into a database of contractors and suppliers. The Kuwait government will use the list to choose firms to fill its needs.

Congressman Payne pledged to assist businesses in the Tenth Congressional District interested in pursuing contracts in connection with the rebuilding of Kuwait. "Local businesses seeking opportunities in the reconstruction of Kuwait can contact my Newark office to obtain KERP forms," Payne

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Orange mayor seeks election in 27th

ORANGE — Mayor Robert L. Brown (D-Exsex) recently announced he would be a candidate for election in the new 27th district in Essex county.

"I look forward to meeting the challenges at hand and working towards serving the residents of the 27th district," commented Mayor Brown who is also Orange Democratic Committee chairman. The new district includes Montclair, West Orange, Newark, East Orange and parts of the north and west wards in Newark.

Mayor Brown plans to target campaign issues such as education, the need for increased funding for urban school districts, as well as senior citizens' concerns.

If elected Mayor Brown plans to retain his post as mayor, noting that it is not unusual for members of the state legislature to hold double posts. He noted the Mayors of Union City, Paterson and New Brunswick as examples.

"I think I could share with the

legislators in Trenton the concerns of local government because I have dealt with them every day as Mayor," he said.

His work on the census suit against the Department of Commerce and other initiatives effecting the improvement of the quality of life for constituents has made a difference in the town. In the past two years of his administration, state and national recognition has been given to the town's crime stopping efforts; over \$15 million in state and federal funding has been allotted to the town due to its fiscal abilities; for the first time in years the municipal budget was introduced with a municipal tax decrease.

Mayor Brown, who resides in Orange, has sought to make Orange a proud and prosperous place to live through the planning of new housing and rehabilitation developments and the highlighting of the ethnic diversity of Orange.

CITY PEOPLE

Hattie Terrell 106 and Counting



Hattie Terrell (center) recently celebrated her 106th birthday with family and friends at the JFK Harteck at Cedar Brook Nursing, Convalescent & Rehabilitation Center in Plainfield, where she resides. She is pictured here getting set to blow out the candles on her birthday cake, as longtime friend Veroia White (left) and great-niece, Ann Martin, look on. Her father, William Reid, fought for the Union Army during the Civil War. According to Hattie, the secrets to a long life are "to be a good person, be happy and love everyone." JFK Harteck at Cedar Brook is an affiliate of JFK Medical Center in Edison.

The Black United Fund of NJ honors Volunteers

NEWARK — The Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUF/NJ) will host Victory Celebration '91, a program honoring the charity's volunteers. This event will be held Friday, April 26, 6 p.m. at the Somerset Hilton Hotel, 200 Artium Drive, in Somerset, New Jersey.

BUF/NJ is a statewide, independent philanthropic organization, which promotes self-help and self-sufficiency in the Black

community through active programs of fund raising, financial assistance and volunteerism. Over 300 volunteers, some of which are BUF/NJ funding recipients, will be recognized for their work in canvassing, public speaking, literature distribution and general promotion on behalf of the charity. The event coincides with other such celebrations across the country, during National Volunteer Week, April 21 through 27.

Giddings at Black Women's History Conference

NEW BRUNSWICK — Historian and journalist Paula Giddings will be the keynote speaker at the sixth Black Women's History Conference at Rutgers-Douglas College.

The conference, titled "Strengthening Our Sisterhood: Connecting to Ourselves and Each Other," will be held Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Hickman Hall on the Douglass campus. The conference is sponsored

by Douglas Advisory Services for Women-Rutgers Women's Center, in cooperation with other organizations.

"The theme of strengthening our sisterhood presents a challenge for every participant and an opportunity for renewal and sharing," said Mary S. Hartman, dean of Douglass.

Viola Van Jones, a charter member of the conference committee, (Continued on page 7)

People on the move...

Congressman Donald Payne will speak at William Paterson College in Wayne on April 29 on "The United States and African Foreign Policy." Elizabeth Bold, of Newark was awarded the 1991 Presidential Volunteer Action Award sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation. Mrs. Nellie Suggs of Westfield, Fredrick Williams, Plainfield, Sally Hughes, Elizabeth, Harvey Judkins, Plainfield all received awards from the Union County Club of National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs at their 18th annual Founders' Day Luncheon held April 20.

Slaughter new Executive Director of UMDNJ Minority Health Institute

NEWARK — Dr. Billie Slaughter, of Somerdale, NJ, has been appointed executive director of the Minority Health Institute of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) in New Brunswick. She had been director of educational resources at the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford.

The Institute will identify and analyze risk factors and recommend interventions to narrow the disparities between rates of death and illness among New Jersey's general population and the state's minorities, poor and other medically underserved groups.

The Institute will also provide education and support to medical professionals, government agencies and the community on measures that may reduce the rate of preventable disease and death among minorities and poor people

in New Jersey.

In her new post, Dr. Slaughter will be responsible for planning and development of the Institute, as well as for instituting and coordinating UMDNJ's statewide minority health initiative. This initiative will explore ways to enhance health care delivery to medically underserved populations in New Jersey, including African-Americans, Hispanics and poor people.

Dr. Slaughter chaired the editorial subcommittee and served on the executive committee of the UMDNJ Minority Health Task Force, the advisory group to the Minority Health Institute. She recently completed two publications on the status of minority health in New Jersey and has participated in several conferences hosted by the Task Force and other minority health advocacy groups.

Striving for Excellence

VAUXHALL — "Youth Striving for Excellence" is the theme of this year's Luncheon and Fashion show hosted by the Vauxhall section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Several local young people will be honored for their excellence in Education (math/science), the Arts, Athletics and Community Service. Scheduled to receive awards are Andrea Johnson, Quinston Price, Alexis Mobley and Danielle Jordan — all students at Central Gloucester School in Union; Rodney Tullis, student at Kawameeh Jr. High School in Union, and Brazila Dancy-student at Union High School. The Council is also planning

to present nine additional students with certificates of achievement.

The luncheon will be held at the Holiday Inn, Rt. 22 west, Springfield on Saturday, April 27, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25; children under 12, \$12. For ticket information please call 686-0622.

Chairpersons announced

Dolores Armstrong, president of the Vauxhall Section announces the Honorary Chairperson for 1991-Brazila Dancy-student at Union High School.

Luncheon Chairperson, Jocelyn Moorman Co-Chairperson, Irene Parsons Committee, Christine Grady, Jewel Ebron, Eva Moorman, Willie Beverly, Ruth Bryant, Kim Jones, Bertha Section and Adrienne Armstrong.

Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



Racial Disrespect

Most people following the police brutality case in Los Angeles tend to miss the most significant factors:

1) A more dangerous element of the brutality is the nonchalant, almost spectator like manner in which more than 20 other officers calmly watched the beating. They were emotionally untouched by the public torture and maiming of another African citizen, a black one in this case.

2) Another revelatory factor is the officer's failure to report the incident. This makes it clear that this kind of brutality happens so often, that it's not important enough to report to authorities. The policemen thought "what's the big deal, it happens everyday."

3) The incident revealed two distinct bodies of people: Those who in Ku Klux Klan fashion committed the actual maiming. Hard-core racists belong in this category. The second group is that body of people who calmly, approvingly watch and cheer the executions, then they go home and get a good night's sleep. Many white Americans belong to this group. Law makers, judges, jurists, employers, and John Q. Wytseye, also fit snugly into this category. They make the decisions that direct others to beat, maim and kill minorities. The grocery manager's smile does not necessarily mean that he won't give others permission to kill you (or won't do it himself, if he can get away with it).

4) That is why racism persists and will continue to do so as long as the perpetrators go unpunished. Nobody is going to try to kill you if he knows that you will do the same thing to him.

5) Underlying American racism is an attitude that makes it perfectly acceptable to take out

your anger and frustrations on the minority group who won't fight back. This attitude of racial disrespect underlies the behavior of the Ku Klux Klan. It also underlies the behavior of the white person who bumps into you without excusing himself; the white administrator who will snub you for filling out a job application but will never give you a job; the white person who calls you a nigger; the apartment manager who tells you that there are no vacancies, then rents an apartment to the next white person who comes in.

This is the same attitude of disrespect and acceptable abuse that allowed Israeli soldiers to deliberately break the bones of Palestinians, and which allowed South African policemen to calmly shoot South African blacks.

African Americans now have the best opportunity in four decades to end a crippling blow to racial discrimination. Many good thinking whites have been abused by this ugly attitude of disrespect. Some are prepared to join in a crusade against the attitude of brutality and disrespect; a crusade that, in essence, would be a vehement fight against racial abuse.

When the Rodney King episode leaves the front pages, the antipathy will die down. Rodney King will be a wealthy man, but racial disrespect will continue to torture the lives of all African Americans. Talking is not enough. Punishing the guilty policemen is not enough. Only vigorous, hard-nosed continuing street rallies, in every city in this country, similar to those in the 1960s, will force this country to pass and enforce laws that will finally eliminate the attitude of racial disrespect.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

JERSEY CITY—"Heaven's Above" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a last-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hapburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

MILLBURN—Cancer Care will host its Third Annual Gala "Festival of Distraction" at Sheraton Tara Parkways. For more information call 201-379-7509.

MILLBURN—Thrift and Consignment Shop of Junior League of Orange and Short Hills is having annual "Spring Fling Brics-a-Brac Sale." 9:45 a.m. to 105 Main Street. Sale is also on 28 and 27. For information call 376-0048.

MORRISTOWN—"Animals, It's Their World Too" a three day conference at Headquarters Plaza Hotel. For information call 201-927-5611.

NEWARK—Semi-annual community service update program sponsored by the Planned Parenthood-Essex County 151 Washington St., Newark, N.J. 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room (entrance from parking lot). 1991 Update on Sexually Transmitted Diseases, presenter Rhonda Nichols, M.D. 9:30-10:30 a.m. "Overview of Clinical Services of Planned Parenthood-Essex County," presenter Kathy Cominsky, R.N. 10:45-11 a.m. For more info call (201) 622-9500 x 222.

PLAINFIELD—The Association for Retarded Citizens of Union County's special meeting at 7:30 p.m., Plainfield Work Center, 1227 South Ave., Plainfield. The meeting will be an open forum to discuss community-based housing for people with developmental disabilities. ARC members and all others interested in housing alternatives for a family member with a disability are welcome. Contact Madeline Dunn 754-5910, if you plan to attend or want more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

PLAINFIELD—Super Spring Rummage Sale. United Church of Christ at 7 & Madison from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 754-9389.

SOMERVILLE—"Learned Processes IV," a juried exhibition of printmaking media by New Jersey college students opening reception from 7-9 p.m. at the Primordial Council of New Jersey, Ralph T. Reeve Cultural Center, located at the intersection of Station and River Roads, North Branch Station, New Jersey. The exhibition will be held through Saturday, June 8. For more information contact Janet M. Carrato (908) 725-2110.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

NEW BRUNSWICK—17th Annual New Jersey Folk Festival from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the Eagleton Institute Lawn, George Street, Hatten American culture highlighted.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Applications are being accepted from craftpeople who want to exhibit in the Seventeenth Annual New Jersey Folk Festival at Douglass Campus of Rutgers. \$50 entry fee, and \$5 jury pay by two separate checks. Application deadline is 11 a.m. 5:30 p.m. grounds of Woodlawn, off of George St. (Rt. 1) at 4:00 p.m. For more info and application call 908-932-9172.

PLAINFIELD—Super Spring Rummage Sale. United Church of Christ at 7th & Madison from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 2 p.m. Fill a bag for \$3. For more information call 754-9389.

WAYNE—Author of "Learning Through Play" Keynote Speaker at WPC's 17th annual Symposium of the young child. Held in Science Hall 200A 8-5 p.m. William Paterson College. For information call 201-595-2436.



Take the "Passport to Adventure" at the seventh annual fund raising auction of Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc.

Proceeds will provide emergency assistance to families and individuals in need, 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

Pick up an exotic item, help a worthy cause, and have a lot of fun, all at the same time! Auction '91 will be held April 30, 1991 at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building in the Police Room.



Tickets \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door.

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For Information call 643-5727.

Lucinda, Jim, Bugs, Sylvester, and Daffy read to kids

NEWARK — What did Governor and Mrs. Florio, Mayor Sharpe James, Sci-Fi, a six foot two, 600 pound robot, the Newark Library, Boys and Girls Clubs, One-to-One Foundation, Bugs Bunny, Tinseltown Devil, Sylvester, (the lisp, lovable pussycat of cartoon fame) and Daffy Duck all have in common this week?

All of them participated in a read-a-thon sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation recognizing the city of Newark as "Points of Light City" where citizens will be honored for the volunteer service they render people in their communities.

President Bush has proclaimed April 15 through April 26 for Points of Light Celebration of Service and the Newarker to be recognized at the White House for her community, volunteer service. Ms. Betty Flood, a PSE&G employee whose home doubles as an after-school center for neighborhood children. In addition to Ms. Flood and her daughters providing a haven for latch-key kids, games, tutoring, dance instructions and lots of love answer a need and are an anchor for youthful energy, enthusiasm and curiosity.

But last Wednesday Ms. Flood was only one of many celebrities like the Governor and First Lady, scores of teachers (Continued on page 6)

Payne Kuwaiti briefing

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said. "Although the Kuwaiti government will make the determination about contract awards, my office will be glad to provide any information which will give members of the local business community a better understanding of how they can best position their companies to compete in a foreign market." (Continued on page 8)

Grant to tackle drugs

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and automobiles, as well as the inability to finance their children's education," stated Grant. He contends that the decision to downsize the county force represents "an exacerbating dilemma" in a county wrought with crime.

"There has to be another way of dealing with budget deficits," stated Grant. "A moderate tax shift could serve as an alternative to downsizing" the force, he suggested. "Layoffs should be a last resort."

Grant has been a Public Administrator for thirty years. When asked if he views his election to the Sheriff's seat as a stepping stone to some other venue, he replied that he "viewed it rather as another challenge," for he hopes to make a greater impact on the crime rate of Essex County.

One of seven black men in America holding a Ph.D. in Public Administration, Grant is very concerned about the issues causing devastation in the black community. His involvement in a group known as the Fathers Against Drugs indicates his emphasis on affecting the menacing problems surrounding the illegal drug trade. The group, formed approximately four years ago, has staged rallies to deter drug peddlers, and held workshops to inspire troubled youth. Since its inception, Fathers Against Drugs has expanded its membership to include women, children, and people of all walks of life.

It is Ralph Grant's hope that as Sheriff, he can put into a plan of action the combined efforts of public interest groups like Fathers Against Drugs with the Sheriff's Bureau of Narcotics to "affect changes in the rate of apprehension of drug traffickers" in "crime-ridden county" continually faced with the menacing problems of illicit drug sale and abuse.

ANC slashes de Klerk at U.N. Symposium

by Daniel Marohn

(NNPA) — The African National Congress (ANC) used the annual commemoration of the International Day For The Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21 to slash President F.W. de Klerk for his dillydallying with the democratization of South Africa. ANC's statement to the symposium, urged, inter alia, "The intervention of the international community may result in an early frustration of the dream of a democratic society, long cherished by the majority of our people, and for which they have given their sweat and blood, or it may throw our country and region into an abyss of chaos and destruction."

Forcefully, ANC accuses the de Klerk regime for having failed to comply with last December's U.N. Declaration on South Africa which obligated the regime to create a climate conducive to genuine negotiations. "It is a matter of deep regret," said the ANC statement, "that, in spite of all efforts, a year later, the apartheid regime has failed to comply with the Declaration."

The twin objectives of the Declaration were to abolish apartheid and to turn South Africa into a non-racial and unitary democratic state.

Dealing with the question of the release of political prisoners, the ANC statement justifiably adds, "Out of a total of 3,000 political prisoners, the regime has, in dribs and drabs, released only about 300." And, turning to the plight of exiles, the ANC said, "Political process, by over 40,000 exiles, is made impossible by the regime's reluctance to grant them full indemnity..., in gross violation of the Groote Schuur Agreement."

On the country's state of emergency, the ANC statement said, among other things, "The state of emergency is still operative in Bophutswana...As long as the Internal Security Act remains intact, the regime will have absolutely no problem in imprisoning its opponents without trial. The Internal Security Act which allows for detention without trial, and therefore, circumscribes political activity, remains in force to date. There are about 150 political opponents in detention."

Rightly, the ANC statement went on to urge the global community and the U.N. to heighten, rather than lessen pressure on the

de Klerk regime to fulfill the minimum requirements in order to ensure that negotiations begin soon. Regarding de Klerk, says the statement, would defeat the very purpose inherent in the U.N. Declaration. ANC is convinced that sanctions should not be lifted until irreversible change took place.

Vehemently, ANC also decries the Alien Control Bill now before parliament as being "reminiscent of the daily police raids on black people's houses in the dead of night, which were possible in terms of the 'Pass Laws.'" ANC further urges that vigilance must be exercised against this and other de Klerk "reforms."

On the question of land distribution, ANC's statement unequivocally said, "Since 1951 Africans have been uprooted from their lands and dumped in Bantustans." De Klerk's Land Reform is replete with troublesome assumptions that are potentially racist or outrightly provocative. ANC now wonders if removal of the last major pillars of apartheid will, in itself, result in the desired democratic society in which there will be equal justice for all citizens.

Again and again, ANC emphasizes that sanctions and pres-

sure against South Africa should not be relaxed; a speedy movement should be made toward the establishment of a Constituent Assembly to draft a constitution, and measures should be enforced

to end apartheid.

Concluding, the ANC statement underscores the idea that violence must be terminated and negotiations towards democratization accelerated.

Nigeria meets Newark



Mayor Sharpe James was recently paid a "courtesy call" by a high-ranking Nigerian official, Chief Alex Akinyele, Federal Minister of Information, who is interested in establishing greater ties between Nigeria and the United States. Mayor James presented Chief Akinyele with the key to the City of Newark in honor of his "distinguished visit to the Gateway City."

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Wrap Lotion Isoplus 8oz. cont. \$1.99		Oral-B SuperFloss 50 ct. cont. \$3.49		Schick Slim Twin Razor System 1 ct. pkg. \$4.79	
Schick Slim Twin Disposable Razors 10 ct. pkg. \$3.49		Bausch & Lomb Dry Eye Therapy 32 ct. cont. \$8.39		Bausch & Lomb Eye Wash 4 oz. cont. \$4.19	
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Preparation H Cream 6.8 oz. tube \$4.69		Dr. Scholl's Foot Powder 2.5 oz. cont. \$2.69		Dr. Scholl's Foot Spray Powder 3.5 oz. cont. \$4	
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EDITORIAL

Young people still need the military

The negative response of black and Hispanic communities to the recent Persian Gulf War should not be misinterpreted as a desire to those communities to see a significant decrease in military personnel. In fact, it is quite the contrary. Enlisting in the military has always been an important avenue for young blacks and Hispanics to get a hold of themselves, develop discipline, and acquire skills.

Retired Lieutenant Ron Rubel who oversees the Plainfield High School ROTC recently went before the Plainfield City Council to plead the case for keeping his program in light of the closing of Ft. Dix. While speaking after school with Lt. Rubel around 4:30 p.m., we watched his charges selling baked goods to that they could participate in some of the ROTC programs. We watched as they interacted with each other and their customers—proud young men and women in their military uniforms.

One of America's most touted military heroes, General Colin Powell has said time and time again that the military is an equal opportunity employer that gives everyone a chance.

All of our young men and women deserve to be all that they can be. What better place than wrapped in the pride and glory of serving the greatest country in the world.

by Connie Woodruff

Mayor Sharpe James is one of the most exuberant public officials we have ever interacted with whether times are good or bad. For the most part (and I have known Sharpe for many, many years), he doesn't even surround himself with the faces of doom and gloom. He's much too busy about the business of making things happen to give in to defeat even when it's staring him in the face.

And he's usually right about optimism being better than pessimism any day.

However, we'd all like to think the country is not in a depression. We'd all like to think good times are just around the corner and that the folks who are losing jobs, homes and their sanity are only imagining times are bad.

That just doesn't seem to be the case right now and even Newark's most optimistic citizen is forced to lay off a huge chunk of the City Hall workforce.

Yes, it's no myth. Pink slips have been handed out and more may be coming.

So far the layoffs affect "provisional" employees only. But in order to decrease a projected budget shortfall of \$30 million, 150 civil service employees could receive notification to stop



by Sharon Khadijeh Vincent

Students who have been actively involved in raising their voices in protests over continued tuition hikes, and severe cutbacks in tutorial and counseling services, should be commended. At a time where apathy among people in general is at an all-time high, it is encouraging to see some young people standing up and speaking out about the continued assault on education, and the need for this nation to deal with its priorities (which, one would think, should be the future of our youth).

A coalition of concerned students have been engaged in various activities throughout the past couple of months to bring attention to the problems faced by students in the City University of New York system. The media, unfortunately, has given these efforts little attention. It won't until the teens, and take over of several buildings at the various campuses throughout the CUNY system by students during the past week, that the students' demands were publicized.

While some would criticize the students for taking these "drastic" measures, the real criticism should be directed at Governor Cuomo, and the CUNY officials who have

working May 6.

The city also plans to keep 235 vacant positions unfilled. Insiders insist that without the layoffs, city taxpayers could have paid as much as \$23 in taxes for every \$100 of assessed valuation. There is no doubt that would be disastrous in a city which has an astronomical number of welfare recipients, homeless and tax abandoned properties.

For years folks have talked about Newark "living on the edge" because of its costs for many services and programs was underwritten by a state or federal grant. Some workers never understood the origin of their pay check until now. In Trenton and Washington, cities like Newark have no alternative but to close down the programs and abolish the jobs. It's one of the horrors of depending too heavily on outside funds to run social programs.

In the meantime, the problem most pressing for some city residents is the outcome of the primary election for Essex County Sheriff.

Last week the Coalition of Black Clergy and Elected Officials met with Governor Florio to press their case for the election of a black sheriff and county prosecutor.

As late as this week while Governor Florio was in City Hall, he was handed a letter from Dr.

Ralph Grant, a Democratic candidate for sheriff which requested the governor to "appoint me acting Sheriff of Essex County, effective immediately."

Grant reminded Florio "As you know, I was among the first to endorse your candidacy on both occasions and worked diligently for your election."

Last week the Essex Democratic Committee voted to give the cherished party line to Armando Fontura whose appointment as acting sheriff by county executive Tom D'Alesio, sent black politicians and their supporters into a frenzy of activity in behalf of Grant.

So far on the Republican side, Louis Greenleaf is the candidate of a party victory. He is the designated GOP choice and the two white opponents in the race are very upset by the move that practically guarantees Greenleaf will be the Republican candidate in November.

To give the endorsement added emphasis, John Renna, Essex GOP chairman and Jane Burgio, former GOP Secretary of State, will be co-chairmen of Greenleaf's campaign.

Republicans began to penetrate Democratic armor when governor Tom Kean headed the party. With Greenleaf as the party's undisciplined choice, more blacks are joining the GOP ranks

as candidates for the Assembly and as party supporters in an effort to establish a real two-party system among black voters.

This week's political surprise was the Democratic Assemblyman Michael Aduabo's withdrawal as a candidate for re-election.

Aduabo apparently changed his plans for re-election when he found out that the new legislative alignment put him in the new 28th Dist. in Essex County where he would be pitted against two legislative buddies in the primary election.

His decision not to run leaves Democrats James Zangari of Irvington and Henry McEnroe of South Orange unopposed in the primary. They were chosen by Democratic County Chairman Ray Durkin for renomination. Durkin also chose West Ward Councilman Ron Rice as the party endorsed candidate for reelection as state senator.

Mike Aduabo is the brother of North Ward leader Stephen Aduabo. The latter is usually perceived as the power in the ward and the man most responsible for the political successes. It has raised a question among political aficionados whether or not Steve's power is beginning to ebb. The alignment puts his North Ward Education Committee at the hub of his political prowess, in a less favorable position of control as a political leader.

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Downsizing military to reduce black opportunity

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military service as a ladder of upward mobility.

Government and private sector mechanisms to aid the transition to civilian life for those displaced from military service are currently inadequate to meet the needs that will be created by military downsizing. This analysis of the potential impact of the military draw-down on black Americans is offered by U.S. Army Colonel Michael Shane, who is senior military fellow at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, in an article in the April issue of Focus magazine, "The Downsizing of Downsizing the Military."

The planned reduction will cut a total of 500,000 personnel from all branches of the service by mid-decade. While the reservists who served in the Gulf can be expected to return to waiting civilian jobs, Shane points to two groups in particular that will suffer the greatest dislocation as a result of the downsizing: those forced out by the reduction and young people wishing to pursue a military career that may no longer be open to them. Since blacks currently comprise 20 percent of the military and face substantial civilian unemployment rates, they may suffer most from these cutbacks.

Shane predicts that a "substantial exodus" from the uniformed services is about to flood the civilian labor market where unemployment is at 6.8 percent, its highest level in four years. He reports that thousands of service

personnel were held past their normal discharge or retirement dates under so-called "stop loss" provisions imposed during the Persian Gulf War. In the Army alone, 32,000 personnel in 9,000 of them black — are this category.

For blacks, writes Shane, the civilian labor force is "decidedly less friendly to them than to others." This contrasts with the military, which he describes as "the closest thing we have to a true meritocracy." He writes, "Nowhere else has black leadership been accepted as fully or black accomplishment more greatly rewarded." Shane notes that reenlistment rates for blacks stand at 62 percent, higher than for any other group.

Shane advises that federal, state, and local governments as well as potential employers must act decisively to open up greater opportunities in civilian employment and to ease the transition to civilian life for service personnel displaced by downsizing. He cites the Army Career and Adult Program, which provides job counseling and referrals to departing Army personnel and a re-entry program between the Army and the Florida education department as promising approaches.

He concludes by calling on policy makers to assure that those displaced from the military "must be given the same opportunities they would have had in the military. This is double true for black Americans."

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Quote of the Week

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U.S. Army Colonel Michael Shane referring to the Military

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As I See It...

Young shouldn't have to pay for greed and mismanagement of the old

failed to listen and respond to the students' concerns voiced over the past few months. Letter writing campaigns were organized by the students — but their letters were never answered. Petitions were circulated and signed, which were then presented to legislators in Albany, but, they also, were unheeded.

Even to their credit) the Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus attempted to deal with the proposed budget cuts and tuition hikes by submitting an alternative budget that offered some viable proposals to provide more equity in funding. Governor Cuomo paid no attention to their budget, and even tried to discredit many of the African American and Hispanic elected officials who spoke out against his budget cuts.

As tuitions continue to rise, many students are being forced out of the CUNY system, thereby, ending the hopes of thousands of young people to attend college. Students who want to attend college on a full-time basis, find it extremely difficult to pay these increasingly higher fees. The original intention and charge of the City University school system — to provide all students with an opportunity to attend college — has been forgotten. The cost of obtaining a

college education has become so high, that many young people have had to put their education plans on hold, while they go to work full-time to try to save money for college. Some never go, and of course, find very few opportunities for career advancement in their jobs without having a college degree.

Just as the so-called "education problem" hasn't offered any plans to deal with this, or any other important and pressing problem in the education field. While he could mount one of the most expensive military operations in history, spending one billion dollars a day, on war, no relief for our nation's young people who want to further their education is in sight.

The American people seem to be willing to pay for Patriot Missiles, Smart Bombs, Daisy Cutters, and other weapons of mass destruction, but unwilling to help finance institutions which give poor and middle class kids a chance to further their intellectual growth and skills.

Students who are now on hunger strikes in an effort to again highlight and bring attention to the issues and demands raised by the City College students, have opted for non-violent means of protest. This isn't news worthy enough for

the hysterical and out of control mass media, which thrive on sensationalism and distortions. What could the students do? Obviously, the decision to occupy buildings on the various campuses got the necessary media attention needed to at least give the students a forum to state their concerns — again! If critics now blame the students for disrupting classes, their criticism should be directed at officials who ignored the students' requests and demands during these past couple of months.

At a time when we need new leadership, and ideas, it's good to see young people who are exercising their democratic rights and challenging a system which is failing the vast majority of its citizens. We are all supposedly guaranteed certain rights; there is nothing wrong with holding on to these ideas, and trying to make them realities for all Americans. All young people should at least have the option, if they want, to go to college. They shouldn't be denied this privilege because they can't afford it.

It isn't fair that our young people have to pay for the greed and mismanagement of the old. Failure to adequately fund higher education, will continue to erode the very foundation of our society. Is this truly what the people want?

Child Watch...

Teach for America proves that service is not out of fashion

by Marian Wright Edelman

(NNPA) — Richard (Rik) York grew up in Cleveland's inner city. Today he is a first-year teacher in a South Bronx inner-city school. He is also a member of TEACH FOR AMERICA, the brand-new national teacher corps, which recruits and trains energetic, committed young college seniors to teach for two years after graduation in inner-city and rural areas where there is a teacher shortage.

TEACH FOR AMERICA is the brain child of Wendy Kopp, a 1989 graduate of Princeton University, who developed the idea for her senior thesis. She created TEACH FOR AMERICA to inspire greater numbers of talented, energetic college seniors to teach, hoping they not only would ease teacher shortages in critical areas but would infuse new ideas and energy into the teaching profession and be a source of educational reform and change. Five hundred TEACH FOR AMERICA teachers went into classrooms last fall after an

eight-week summer training institute in Los Angeles.

York is teaching communication arts—language, literature, and writing—to mostly black and Latino seventh graders in a school a lot like those he attended as a boy. It's a challenging work, he says. His students' reading skills are very low. His attempts to experiment with lessons and teaching strategies sometimes have

been vetoed by his principal, and the bureaucracy and paper work get him down. But he wouldn't want to be doing anything else.

"The kids are a joy," he said. "York, who remembers a high school English course in which the teacher sat and read the newspaper every day, says he is determined to be a teacher who doesn't pass the buck—doesn't shirk responsibility for finding ways to inspire his students. He won't do anything to help them that is in my care to do."

York's commitment comes in part from the outrage he felt as a

freshman at Mt. Union College in Ohio when he discovered how poor his own public education had been compared with that of his white college classmates. "I was one of the brighter students in high school, but when I got to college, I was shocked to find that I knew very little," York said. "One of my problems was that I hadn't learned to write or speak standard English."

York confesses that he first took education courses in college only because he thought he could earn money as a science teacher to put himself through graduate school. In one education course he was videotaped during a teaching exercise. After watching the tape his professor said, "You really came alive up there." York says even though he still resisted the idea of a teaching career, he slowly found himself drawn to it.

Now, York is committed to teaching—and to doing it in the inner city, where his own background helps him reach out to students. As a student teacher in college York taught for a short time in an affluent school, but he

didn't feel his passion for motivating students was really needed there, he said.

York understands both the strengths and weakness of inner-city students. "Their test scores may be inferior, but their perceptions are wiser than other kids, because you have to be wise to survive," says York. He and another TEACH FOR AMERICA teacher at the school are writing a proposal for a special program of academic and other supports for the school's "problem students" next year.

As one entertaining way to get his students thinking about college, York wears different college T-shirts to school. "I tell them, I went; you can go."

He hopes that many of our young college students will follow York's example and choose to work where they are badly needed—in our schools. He and his fellow TEACH FOR AMERICA teachers are proving that our young adults have not lost the spirit of service to others.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

CAN'T TOUCH THIS

A Rap On Rap: Portraits and Lyrics of a Generation of Black Rockers

by Terry Benjamin

portraits and lyrics of a generation of black rockers

Rap: Portraits and Lyrics of a Generation of Black Rockers (St. Martin's Press) Photographs by Janette Beckman. Text by B. Adler. Foreword by Doctor Dre and Ed Lover. 166 pages. \$13.95. An updated history of rap is long overdue.

So Janette and Bill present this book to you. For those who do not believe rap can be documented.

Check out the facts they have printed.

From DJ Kool Herc to 3rd Bass. A photo book with style and grace.

DJ Kool Herc began the show (Grandmaster) Flash and (Afrika) Bambaataa made it good to go.

Dr. Jeckyll & Mr. Hyde rapped "Gettin' Money".

Blondie's "Rapture" was sweeter than honey.

A South Bronx creation that wouldn't slow down.

Kurtis Blow came in and kicked it around.

When Blow faded Run DMC jumped on it.

Mixing rap and rock, a style they flaunted.

The Fat Boys came on in a large way.

The Fearless Four hit with "Problems of the World Today".

UTFO sang and rapped without mercy.

Sparkling the "Roxanne, Roxanne" controversy.

Doug E. Fresh, Slick Rick on a funky flow.

With their breakthrough hit they called "The Show".

L.L. Cool J wore a Kangol hat with B-Boy attitude.

Beastie Boys made rap history being rude.

Stetsasonic rapped about the Motherland.

Just Ice kicked some flavor with a mix in his hand.

Queen Latifah and Monie Love rapped "Ladies First".

Busting a positive move.

Public Enemy brought the noise with Chuck D's voice of fire.

Flavor Flav and Terminator X fanned the flames higher.

Professor Griff, an original member of this group.

Fell off of his chair on an Asiatic troop.

"Incredible Bass" had fans hollering for more.

Big Daddy Kane knew just what to do.

He made dope rhymes for the Cold Chillin' Crew.

Then made a rep for himself in the game.

"Ain't No Half-Steppin'" his first claim to fame.

Fast Five Freddy opened the MTV door.

For Doctor Dre, Ed Lover, and many more.

Video by the Jungle Brothers and De La Soul.

Pumped up the volume and went solid gold.

Boo Ya Tribe, A Tribe Called Quest, new jack rappers with finesse.

Here to stay, never going away. Like NWA with something to say.

Young MC with a pen in his hand. wrote "Wild Thing" and "Funky Cold Medina" for that.

Tone Loc man.

Now here comes 3rd Bass with the rap/poetry they select.

Ending this collection of rap in retrospect.



Carettes present debts to society

MORRISTOWN—On April 20, Carettes Inc. of North Jersey held their twelfth annual junior debutante ball.

The idea for the ball was conceived out of the Carettes concern for young black females.

The focus of the ball was to provide these young women an opportunity to enhance their social skills and to present them to society. It also serves as a way of raising funds for scholarship aid.

Preparation for the ball starts in September and continues until April of the following year. During this time the girls learn the ritual of the ball, the curtsy, the waltz, how to hold their flowers. Speakers are invited in to talk to the girls on various subjects, such as, grooming, career planning, sexuality, just to name a few. There are trips into New York for dinner and a show, and ski trips have been held in the past. It is an exciting time for the girls who must be juniors in high school.

To date there have been approximately 500 girls who have participated in the ball, and the escorts and parents who have at least 2000 people who have been involved.

The girls also receive the support of the community through ticket sales and the purchasing of

ads for the journal. Many of the young women have gone on to colleges of their choice, and are enjoying busy productive lives as secretaries, office managers, teachers, nurses, lawyers, etc.

At the present time we have a former 'deb' by the name of Carol Sallie who is a secretary at Bellcore. Carol feels that her year as a 'deb' was the highlight of her teen years. It gave her an insight into her future. She came into her own as an individual instead of being just another teen; it was a good learning experience and broadened her social skills. Now, as a club member Carol enjoys being a member of Carettes. It adds another dimension to her life. Interacting with other women, some who are a lot older, has helped her in working with other people on her job and her social life. She has held several positions in the club, journal chairperson, secretary, treasurer. She feels these positions sharpened her work skills.

She also works with younger people. Carol Sallie also feels that being a Carette member takes her out of the nine to five world, and has made her more aware of what the real world is like, that is, giving, taking, caring and sharing.



Debutantes in May

by Freddie Robinson

PATERSON—An ancient African ceremonial "Rite of Passage" that in North America has now evolved to what is called a "Debutante Coedition" will be presented by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Alpha Phi Omega (sweatshirts) May 3. It will be the chapter's sixth biennial coedition.

Nine debutantes are to be presented. The celebrants for the nine initiates, both high school juniors and seniors, will be their introduction into adulthood, as summing responsible roles in their communities.

Each debutante is chosen because she has exemplified charm, personality and discipline and that she has plans for her future self development, states a qualifying principle of Delta Mu Lambda

Scholarship and Educational Fund, Inc. of Delta Mu Lambda.

For more information and tickets, please call Charles Pettiford: 523-7959; George Henderson: 742-1714.

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Festival for Kids Poster Contest

PLAINFIELD—A gigantic poster contest for Plainfield's "Festival for Kids" is open to youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Entries will be accepted by teachers through April 30. Pictures will be judged on originality, creativity and use of color.

The grand prize winner will have his/her poster design on the official "Festival for Kids" T-shirts. First place and honorable mention prizes and ribbons will be awarded for each grade level. All first place and honorable mention posters will be displayed at the festival. All entries will be displayed in businesses in the Plainfield area.

Poster Rules:
- use 8 1/2" X 11" white, unlined paper.

- use crayons, magic markers, poster paints, or any combination.

- draw a picture of what you think a festival for kids will be like.

- on the back of your picture, at the bottom, print your name,

school, grade and name of your principal.

- return pictures to your teacher by April 30.

The festival is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, June 29, at Plainfield High School, and benefits the Plainfield Teen Parenting Program. Highlights of the festival will include popular children's characters such as McGuff, the Nabisco Teddy Graham Bear and everyone's favorite Turtle. It will also include a tricycle "Safe" Way, a stroller parade, field games, Grandma's Attic, a Nearly New Boutique and much, much more for children and their parents.

Mayor Harold Mitchell proclaimed June 29, "Kids Day" in Plainfield at the March 18 press conference announcing the event.

Underwriting for the event has been provided by AT&T, Nabisco, Prudential and PSE&G. Additional support is being sought by festival planners. If you have questions about the contest or the festival call 201-761-1114.

West Kinney Thespians

NEWARK—On Friday, May 10 West Kinney Alternative High School Thespians Drama Club will proudly present its Third Annual Production of "Not Just Any Love."

The play was written by the Coordinator of Project Opportunity, Ms. Deborah Mitchell, who will also direct it. "Not Just Any Love," is the story of three black boys born on the same day but in different social/economic environments. "Not Just Any Love" highlights the importance of a strong family upbringing as some

of the key factors to rearing a positive individual.

This production will be performed on the main stage of Newark Symphony Hall Box Office, for more information call 201-643-8009.

Proceeds will be used by the West Kinney Alternative High School for Book Scholarships for college-bound graduates and alumni of our school; aid to the 1990-91 Graduating Senior Class; School Supplies/Student Enrichment; The 1991-92 Operational Budget for the Thespians Drama Club.

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Plainfield Fishing Derby

PLAINFIELD—The 30th annual Plainfield Fishing Derby will be held Saturday May 4, 1991 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Cedarbrook Park Pond, Rain or Shine.

The contest is open to Plainfield boys and girls, ages 5 through 13 years. Prizes will be presented to those youngsters catching the largest fish in each of three (3) designated age groups.

A BICYCLE will be awarded as a Grand Prize for the largest fish caught by either boy or girl. Fishing equipment will be awarded for First, Second, Third Place Winners in each of the 5-7, 8-10, and 11-13 age group.

The Fishing Derby is co-sponsored by the Plainfield Division of Recreation And Stone Square Lodge #38 F & A. M. P. H. A.

Mahasin El-Amin named to All-American Scholars Team

PLAINFIELD—A Jefferson School Fourth Grade Student is among 15 cheerleaders throughout the country in her grade level to be selected a POP Warner All-American Scholar.

Mahasin Amattullah El-Amin, daughter of Fourth Ward Councilwoman Fabeham El-Amin and Plainfield Police Sgt. Siddiq El-Amin, has been named to the POP Warner All-American Scholar-cheerleader Team.

Mahasin, a cheerleader for the Plainfield Pop Warner Cardinals Jr. Pee-wee Team, was nominated by her Head Coach, Ms. Victoria Jones, and her Principal, Mrs. Mary Gladden. Currently in the Gifted and Talented Class, she received straight A's for her qualifying Third Grade School Year. Eighty percent (80%) of her final score was based on school marks

for 1989-90, and twenty percent (20%) of her final score was based on her extracurricular activities for the same period.

Mahasin is an Honor Roll Student, who participates on the Jefferson School Drill Team & School Chorus; Sister Clara Mohammed Islamic Week-end School; Browne Girl Scout (1989-90), Junior Girl Scout (1990-91); Y.W.C.A.; Muslim Women's League and participated in the Democratic City Committee Political Campaigns and Voter Registration Drive (1989-90) in the City of Plainfield.

Mahasin will receive her All-American Scholars Award during a two-day program in Philadelphia at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, June 10-11, 1991, concluding with an Awards Dinner.

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

PLAINFIELD—Women's Day Church Services at the Mt. Zion AME Church, 11 a.m., morning worship 525 West Fourth Street. Guest preacher evangelist Ethel Arlie. The afternoon finale will feature the Annual Women's Day concert at 4:30 p.m., with a 60-piece choir directed by Sis. Linda Shepard and Sis. Charles Allison. For more information call 753-9411.

PLAINFIELD—The Apple Tree, Rev. Margot Campbell Gross' sermon this morning. Thoughts on apple trees and teaching virtues. Worship 10:30 a.m. First Unitarian Society, 724 Park Avenue. For information call 756-0750

FRIDAY, MAY 3

MORRISTOWN—Church Women United, May Fellowship Service recognizing our 40th year will be held 10:30 p.m. Presbyterian Parish House 65 South St. For information call 538-5992.

PLAINFIELD—Church Women United, May Fellowship Day event recognizing our 40th year will be held 10:30 p.m. Presbyterian Parish House 65 South St. For information call 538-5992.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

VAUXHALL—Benefit concert for Rev. Elmer L. Williams Minister's Fund to aid students aspiring to attend or are attending an accredited Bible College or Theological Seminary. Held at First Baptist Church, 5 Hillen Avenue, at 6 p.m. Dr. Marion J. Franklin, Jr., Pastor. For information call 687-3414.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest semi-final competition at Antioch Baptist Church on West 125th Street in Harlem. For information call 212-527-8800.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

PLAINFIELD—First Unitarian Society will hold "Veepsers For Peace" services at 4 p.m., 724 Park Avenue. For information call 201-756-0750.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

PRINCETON—First Unitarian Society will hold "Veepsers For Peace" services at 4 p.m., 50 Cherry Hill Road. For information call 201-756-0750.

Musical depicts life of Christ

MONTECLAIR—Friday April 26, and Saturday the 27, Good News Music Productions, Inc., will present a musical entitled, *Spectrum: The Life of Christ*, at the Glenfield Theatre, Glenfield Middle School, 25 Maple Avenue. Both performances will begin at 8 p.m. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Spectrum highlights some of the most moving events in the life of Jesus Christ. The cast includes tenor, bass, soprano, falsetto, and alto soloists who use musical selections and verse to depict how various individuals responded to Christ and his ministry. The songs in spectrum were written by Henry Bobbitt, a lifelong resident of Montclair who studied music at Pace College in New York and began playing the piano before the age of ten.

Bobbitt said it was important to write the words and music in a contemporary tone. "Many individuals share religious music and biblical stories because they can't identify with the language or the life-styles during that period. I believe these stories contain concerns and struggles that are relevant to us today. The challenge for me as a writer is to get this point across," he said. Bobbitt said his profes-



"Spectrum: The Life of Christ" Calaphas challenges the authority of Jesus in a scene from *"Spectrum: The Life of Christ"* (L-R): Miriam Jeter as Mary; Betty Ducherier as Sabor; David Richardson as Nicodemus; Kenneth Hayes as Jesus; Gerald Washington as Calaphas; Gerald Jeter as the Child; and Lewis Lindo as Bartholomew, dated by Good News Music Productions, and written by Henry Bobbitt include "Inheritance" and "The Gift" which were performed in California. In addition, Spectrum was performed two years ago off Broadway.

Members of the Spectrum cast have studied music and continue to perform professionally when not involved with Good News Music Productions, Inc.

Previous performances pro-

duced by Good News Music Productions, and written by Henry Bobbitt include "Inheritance" and "The Gift" which were performed in California. In addition, Spectrum was performed two years ago off Broadway.

For additional information call 744-8771

Lucinda and Jim Florio read to kids

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(active and retired.) hundreds of volunteers from business and professional groups who devoted time to visiting sites selected to read aloud to children, seniors, the visually handicapped and house-bound.

Raymond G. Chambers, Director of New Jersey's Amelior Foundation, chairs the national Points of Light Foundation that is sponsoring service celebration week in 17 cities. Houston, Texas and Newark focused the attention of their citizens on education and literacy. The goal is to reach out and teach everyone unable to read by years end and to become part of the national effort underway to solve the country's "education problem."

In Newark reading programs were sponsored by day care centers, several local hospitals, Newark Library and Museum, churches, community schools and homeless shelters.

But the biggest treat of all was the gathering of nearly 200 kids in the City Hall Rotunda where the awesome robot, the goodwill ambassador from Great Adventure Amusement Park entertained and interacted with guests.

The only other character to

upstage Sci-Fi was Big Bird from Sesame Street and the only person more loudly cheered than Big Bird was Mayor James who proved his power of persuasion and attention getting is as successful with children as with adults. No doubt this was because of the experience hizoner has had as a classroom teacher. The same held true for Lucinda Florio, a teacher-on-leave while her husband serves as governor. In short order Ms. Florio had the excited, restless noisy children under control while she and the governor took turns reading about how a boy littering through a dream, became aware of how important it is to keep a clean, uncluttered, pollutionless environment. The kids got the message in a hurry.

And the Florios were excellent performers as they read about the adventures of Walter, the litterboy, his transformation and his happy ending. There was a lot of the lovable late Mayor LaGuardia of New York in Governor Florio's presentation.

All in all, the celebration of

'Sharpe' changes, layoffs in Newark

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unavoidable, we are committed to providing the same level of services through judicious management and restructuring of operations. This will be reflected in our 1991 municipal budget, which will be presented to the City Council within the next few weeks," Montello said.

James said he would continue to look closely at all areas of operations within City government to continue his mandate to "deliver a 'sharpe change' in the quality of life for residents of the state's largest city."

As I See It

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The political geography of the new district is made to order for a Democratic victory. McEnroe anchors the South Orange-Maplewood part of the district; Rice is firmly in control of the Newark portion and Zangari has always represented Irvington. All have civic associations established years ago and there was never any question about them running unopposed. The handwriting was on the wall and Aducci probably read it correctly.

Harry McEnroe serves in the Assembly with incumbent Assemblywoman Stephanie Bush. She will be one of eight Democrats seeking two Assembly nominations in the primary election.

We were unable to determine whether or not the Dems have chosen Bush's running mate. If the party powerful leave it up for grabs, it will be an all-out fight—maybe the toughest Stephanie Bush has had to face since she was selected to send Mildred Barry-Garvin to the showers.

Mrs. Florio to visit Sundance's 'World's Fair'

NORTH PLAINFIELD—Lucinda Florio is expected to be one of the special visitors at the "World's Fair" being held at Sundance School in North Plainfield, beginning the week of April 29.

Colorful environments, exhibits, and activities will transport students and visitors to various areas of the world.

At the Tropic of Capricorn, travelers will visit and animal preserve in the outback of Australia, pet sheep in New Zealand, and take a submarine ride in the Great Barrier Reef. Exhibits from the Morris Museum will teach about the cultures of South America. The Tropic of Cancer will give the children a taste of life in Central America, Asia and Europe. Some highlights will include buying a pinata at a Mexican bazaar, finding stuffed pandas in a bamboo forest and tasting bread and cheese in Holland. The Equatorial Zone will feature a collection of African instruments and a mock of Galapagos turtle.

Central to the fair will be a six-foot globe which makes learning geography fun and easy for young children.

This event reflects the school's theme for this year, "It's A Small World" which, in addition to regular school activities, is designed to broaden children's awareness and appreciation of the world's diverse peoples and customs.

For further information or to schedule a visit, please call 561-5055.

Sign up for Camp at King's Daughters

PLAINFIELD—The King's Daughters Day School is currently accepting children for camp which begins June 24 which follows the close of the Plainfield Schools on June 21.

Campers must be between the ages of 5 and 10 however 5-year-olds must have completed kindergarten.

Summer Camp hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the same hours that the school is currently open. The price is \$65 per week which includes breakfast, lunch, afternoon snacks, and all field trips. There will be at least one field trip per week; swimming, the Bronx Zoo, museums, theatre, Bear Mountain and nature trips.

Scholarships are available for those in need, however, they are limited. To ensure a spot, parents must submit verification of the household income along with a deposit. There is a registration fee of \$25 however, that fee will be waived for those registering by April 30, 1991.

Contact Ann Chludzinski, program assistant to make an appointment at 756-7788.

Newark Kindergarten Registration

NEWARK—The Newark school district's kindergarten registration for the 1991-92 school year, will be held May 6-17. Additional registration days will be May 20, and June 3 and 10.

Children who will be five years old, on or before December 31, 1991, are eligible for registration. Parents registering children for the first time must present to the school office, their child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency—a current utility bill is acceptable.

Immunization records should indicate that student has received inoculations for diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, rubella, mumps and measles. Students must accompany their parent to be examined by the school nurse.

Parents whose children have not obtained the required shots from their family physician can get free immunization from the Newark Division of Community Health, at 110 William Street.

The Newark Board of Education also reminds parents to provide emergency telephone numbers to the school office and inform the school nurse of any special health needs their child may have.

Early registration is encouraged to assure your child a place in the neighborhood school. For more information on registration and immunization, contact the Newark Board of Education at 753-8768.

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BILLBOARD

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

JERSEY CITY—Jazz Ensemble performs. Margaret Williams Theatre. Hudson Hall. 8 p.m. One. Admission \$6; students, senior citizens, and group admission is \$4. For further information call (201) 547-3151.

NEW BRUNSWICK—T-3 Productions presents Jewel and the Mad Men. George 707. George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue. For info on tickets and other information call 905-246-7459.

PLAINFIELD—African-American Art Exhibition and a special signing by featured artist James Ransome at Sterling Operations, 7311 W. 8th Street. Information call (908) 668-7725.

WAYNE—Wilkesboro Hall Center Court Stage, week long Jazz festival. Jazz 8 Up! at 7 p.m. weekdays, weekends 3 p.m. Admission is free plus the usual \$25.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College exhibits recent paintings of Colleen Randall. The Courtney Gallery, 2009 Kennedy Boulevard 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission free. For more information call (201) 547-3441.

LOD—The Influence of W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington on African American History. Lecture by Professor James Ransome. Conyers. For more information call 778-1190.

NEWARK—Madworlds presents Lester Up: The Lives of Quincy Jones. Doors open at 5 p.m. General admission \$6, 16 line students w/I.D., and seniors \$5. 21st Washington Place at Broad St., 4th floor. For more info call 643-6877.

PLAINFIELD—Intique, a fashion division of MJR Enterprises. Will have a fashion show at the Job Corp in Edison. For more information call 908-287-1261.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents Mozart. Don Giovanni at the Presbyterian Church. For information call 201-232-9400.

PLAINFIELD—The NJ Chapter of Central State University African American Cultural Center presents a "Recreation Figure" exhibit. The exhibit is a collection of 100 African American figures. The exhibit is located at the Central State University African American Cultural Center, 423 West 7th St. Admission \$15. For more information call 908-752-7201.

NEWARK—The Story of the Last Chrysler. Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St. For more information call 733-7790.

NORTH BRANCH—"In the Woods": national touring production set for 3 p.m., 8 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$22.50 for balcony, \$25 for orchestra/mezzanine. Parkland Valley Community College. For info and information call 908-725-5420.

WAYNE—William Paterson College. Trip to New York to explore the history of the city. Various artists, main date May 4. For members \$4 and for students, advance registration is required. For more information call 852-8054.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

JERSEY CITY—Jazz Concert and College Choirs perform their 33rd annual "Spring Concert." Margaret Williams Theatre of Hudson Hall. 3:30 p.m. For further info call (201) 547-3151.

NEWARK—Newark Community of the Arts dance workshops at fourth floor space. Symphony Hall. \$3. Information call 201-642-0133.

NORTH BRANCH—Raritan Valley Community College presents The Adventures of a Bear Called Paddington. Louisville Children's Theatre. Shows at 12, 4, and 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for all ages. For RSVP and information call 908-725-5420.

PLAINFIELD—Sterling Operations features an African-American Art Exhibit with special book signing by featured artist James Ransome. Saturday and Sunday Noon, 731 West 8th Street. For more information call 908-668-7725.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

JERSEY CITY—Jazz Symphony of Winds and Percussion. A Tribute to Bernstein. Margaret Williams Theatre. 8 p.m. One. Admission \$5; student, senior citizens, and group admission is \$4. For further info call (201) 547-3151.

JERSEY CITY—Composer and author Richard Adler will be guest speaker at a class session of JCSC course on "The Musical." Margaret Williams Theatre. 8 p.m. One. Admission \$5; student, senior citizens, and group admission is \$4. For further info call (201) 547-3151.

NEWARK—Newark Emergency Service for Families, Auction at Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. in the Pelican Room, at 4 p.m. For more information call 201-643-8727.

CITY LIFE

Poets & Peacemakers end Kean-Brown season

Hughes, Ellington tributes in music and dance

PLAINFIELD — The Grant Avenue Community Center offers a unique cultural celebration featuring Rod Rodgers Dance Company's Poets & Peacemakers performance the first week of May. This is the finale for the 1991 Theatre Season of Great Performances at Kean-Brown Centre Stage, 403 West Seventh Street in Plainfield.

Best known for its unusual repertory of dance drama, social commentary and moving sculptural landscapes, the multi-ethnic but predominantly black dance company established by Rod Rodgers twenty-five years ago has represented the United States in cultural exchanges in Senegal, Nigeria, Zaire, Kenya, Zambia and Portugal.

Billed as Echoes Of Ellington, its dance performances in Plainfield May 2-5, will feature a six-part tribute to the poetic genius of Langston Hughes and a signature piece by Rod Rodgers as well as the eight-part dance suite memorials using the musical masterworks of Duke Ellington. The musical score for that dance suite has been arranged by another jazz legend, Dr. Billy Taylor and includes two of

his original compositions.

Diverse community organizations are involved in developing audiences for the cultural celebration. The National Association of University Women, AT&T Alliance Of Black Telecommunications Employees, and the Unitarian Society of Plainfield are involved in audience outreach for the Friday and Saturday evening performances at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.

A special school matinee on Thursday morning, May 2, being organized in coordination with the Plainfield and North Plainfield Public School Districts. A master class for professional dancers and advanced dance students, to be instructed by choreographer Rod Rodgers, is being developed in collaboration with the Artistic Director of the Chaison Dance Theatre at Kean College, Patricia Carter Davis.

Herman Levern Jones, Associate Producer of the National Black Theatre, who serves as Kean-Brown Centre Stage Artistic Director, explains why organizations and individuals are urged to lend support for audience development.



Rod Rodgers Dance Company performs 'Echoes of Ellington' at Plainfield's Kean Brown Centre Stage

oment. Although the Season Of Great Performances received funding in part by the New Jersey State Arts Council, National Endowment For The Arts and Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation, its budget is primarily based on audience admission fees.

For ticket reservations and information about group discounts, call Grant Avenue Community Center on (908) 561-0123. The door price for all five appearances of the Rod Rodgers Dance Company is \$25 for adults and \$15 for

youth and seniors. Regular advance ticket price is \$20 for adults, and \$12 for youth and seniors. Special rates are offered for groups of ten or more and also for the combination of the master class and Friday evening show.

Gallman's has a 'House Party'

NEWARK — Gallman's Newark Theatre will feature House Party, a new work by African-American choreographer Keith Lee, in their spring performances on April 26 and 27, 7:30 p.m. and April 28, 4 p.m. at the Mary B. Burch at Essex County College in Newark.

Lee is regarded as one of America's brightest master teachers and choreographers. He was the first permanent black dancer to sing a contract with the American Ballet Theatre. He joined the company in 1969 and appeared as a soloist for the next seven years. Lee performed as a guest artist for many major dance events in the U.S. and abroad and choreographed for TV, films, videos, and dance companies that include the American Ballet Theatre, Geneva Ballet, Oakland Ballet, Alvin Ailey's Repertory Ensemble, and the Capital Ballet.

Lee's presence in the Newark area was seen in the 1970's, while he was the Ballet Master for Garden State Ballet. During this time, he choreographed "Seacost Sketches," "Gracian Moncur III," and "Monk in Wonderland," which received glowing reviews in the New York Times and Dance Magazine.

When speaking of his new piece Lee said, "I want to bring a party to the audience with hip hop, rappin', tappin' feet, shake boddie music. We could all use a party with these times in the

world." House Party is set to the music of Janet Jackson, Public Enemy, and Queen Latifah and takes place at a Saturday night house party, with a group of friends. The piece features eight dancers from the company, who chose their own costumes for the "party."

The other works on the program is the New Jersey Company premiere of Talley Beatty's classic "The Road of the Phoenix Snow," and his "Mourner's Bench," and Alfred Gallman's

"The Crossing Line," a suite rooted in black history that deals with the "bad" times, featuring the popular music of Lennie McBride, Trevor Jones, Vesta Kweyao Ayapan, and Vanessa Bell Armstrong.

Gallman's Newark Dance Theatre is a company of professional dancers from New Jersey's inner cities who are trained by choreographer Alfred Gallman under a merit scholarship program. The company, which is currently an Artist-in-Residence at Essex County College performs with a repertory of original dance works throughout North America and is planning a 1992 Tour of the Soviet Union.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$8 general admission, \$5 seniors and students. For more information and directions call 201-877-4422.

Giddings at Black Women's History Conference

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mitted, said the event will "highlight the brilliant cultural heritages of African-American women."

Giddings is the occupant of the Blanche, Edith and Irving Laurie New Jersey Chair in Women's Studies at Douglass and author of the landmark study on the political and social history of black women, "When and Where I Enter: The Impact of Black Women on Race and Sex in America."

Her most recent book is "In Search of Sisterhood: Delta Sigma Theta and the Challenge of the Black Sorority Movement." In her talk, she will address the black sorority movement and black women's leadership.

After registration and refreshments at 8:30 a.m. Hartman will give the welcoming address. Giddings will speak at 9:30 a.m.

A harp recital will be presented by Rashida Ball at 10:15 a.m., followed by an oral history interview of Julia Baxter Bates, the first black graduate of Douglass (Class of 1935), by Juanita Wade Wilson, co-chair of the Douglass College Black Alumni Network.

After a buffet luncheon, participants will attend one of 10 workshops from 1-2:30 p.m. Topics in-

clude exploring the writing of black women, bridging the division between black men and women, instilling cultural values in African-American children, and developing black women's community activism.

Participants will then be able to shop from 2:45-3:30 p.m. in an African market offering art, jewelry, books and artifacts. A 3:45 p.m. reception with refreshments and music will conclude the conference.

The fee for attending the conference is \$5 for Rutgers students (a few scholarships are available), \$10 for all other students, and \$35 for members of the general public. The fee includes materials, lunch and refreshments.

The conference is supported by the Douglass College Black Alumni Network, the National Council of Negro Women, the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the NAACP, the Urban League, 100 Black Women of New Jersey and the National Association of University Women.

Pre-registration and information on student scholarships is available by calling Viola Van Jones, Rutgers Women's Center, at (908) 932-9603.

Gil Noble kicks off filmfest

NEWARK — Gil Noble of "Like It Is" will be the guest speaker at the Sunday Afternoon Filmfest at Rutgers on Sunday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Black Graduate Student Organization, the event features films from the William Greaves Collection and Rutgers Kilmer Library.

Tickets are \$3 in advance \$5 at the door. Rutgers University Newark Campus Robinson Center,

Multi-Purpose Room 350, Martin Luther King Blvd.

For further information and ticket purchases contact: Frank Lane - (201) 673-8651 or Karim Arnold - (201) 648-5606. Sponsored by Black Graduate Student Organization & University College Student Government Assoc. Black Organization of Students, Graduate Student Government - Robeson Network.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

UNION—Workshop on "Financing Your Small Business" offered 9 a.m. to noon Keen College of New Jersey Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Registration through (800) 915-1200. Free admission. For information call 908-527-2946.

HACKENSACK—Conference "Encouraging Families and Minorities Toward Math & Science Achievement: The Role of Elementary Educator," held at Bergen County Technical Schools. Full-day conference \$35 to include lunch, and conference materials for registration 201-343-0000, ext. 227.

NEWARK—Workshop, How to Find the Right Professional Partner for Your Business. Engelhard Hall, 915 E. 92nd St. \$15, checks payable to Rutgers Univ. must be mailed with registration form. For more information call 648-5950.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

SCOTCH PLAINS—LPS Consulting Co., Inc. will be offering free courses, "How To Design, Select and Install a Computer System." Courses given at Scotch Plains Public Library 7 p.m. For more information call 908-889-8550.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

ASBURY PARK—Briefing session, "Eggs 'N' Issues." Registration 7:45 a.m., Breakfast & Program 8 a.m., Adjournment 10:30 a.m., Berkeley-Corral, Exit 102 Parkway (South). For information contact NJ State Chamber of Commerce.

MT. LAUREL—Briefing sessions "Eggs 'N' Issues." Registration 7:45 a.m., Breakfast & Program 8 a.m., Adjournment 10:30 a.m., Travelodge, Temple Exit 4 & Rt. 73. For information contact NJ State Chamber of Commerce.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

PARSIPPANY—North Jersey Business Show at the Aspen Hotel through the 2nd will provide attendees with resources to prosper in today's economy. For information call 201-827-8200.

NEWARK—NJ Bell hosts special event for fund-raising. Talking to Funders. For time, location, and information call 643-5774.

UNION—Adult Advisory Services, a community service of Keen College is offering free morning & evening workshops for adults considering re-entering college. For information, & location call 527-2210.

Business Exchange...

by William Reed

(NNPA)—The recent incident of sex and influence in Palm Beach, FL has thrust the Kennedy family into the nation's headlines again. The First Family of American politics got to be known that way because of their attractiveness, power and money. But two decades after their ascent to the highest level of politics and national attention, there still remains a question of the character and commitment of the Kennedy Clan.

For almost 30 years the Kennedys have been the shining symbol of "American fairness" that blacks feel should accrue for them from White America. Many people will tell you that "the Kennedys' outspokenness on the issues of civil rights and economic justice has won them an unshakable following among blacks." Only a few among us have had the audacity, and historical perspective, to say that

"with friends like these, what more dastardly deeds do we expect from enemies?" What is the true story of the Kennedy commission, commendation and capital contribution to blacks?

Millions of Black American living rooms still prominently feature pictures of Jesus, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Jack Kennedy in that order. Every major black rally, funeral or march of past years has included a Kennedy to add a white face and authenticity to the event. But two major questions that this generation of blacks should ask are: "What have the Kennedys actually done for us?" and "What would Martin say about the adoration that we give Jack, Bobby and Senator Ted?"

Out of our desire for white friends, for years blacks have embraced the Kennedy family for their support of civil rights. Our balance many would say that the Kennedy contribution to blacks has always been "too little, too late." If we were to actually study

the history of the civil rights movement we'd know that these Champions of Civil Rights were pulled into the Birmingham, Montgomery and Mississippi campaigns only after great shows of reluctance on their part. They are one of the wealthiest families in America, yet history does not equate any great philanthropy on their part toward blacks. Although Reagan's friend, Walter Annenburg, has a higher accounting of largest toward Black American institutions, he hardly commands the black attention and idol worship of a Ted Kennedy.

As the extracurricular parts of Martin's life have been revealed in publications by friends and biographers, so has that of President John F. Kennedy. But while

blacks have tried to shield the well-documented promiscuity of Martin, the same stories about Jack have been met with a more objective attitude of "a young man sowing oats." Biographers have shown that Jack and Attorney General Robert Kennedy were, at most, hesitant to meet with the black leadership of that period and happy to wallow in the titillations of J. Edgar Hoover's recordings of Martin's hotel suites. Even in the best days, on more than one occasion, Martin, the heads of CORE, NAACP and the Urban League were shuttled into the White House's back door to avoid having the public know that the Kennedys were being involved in the civil injustices of blacks. If Martin were with us to-

day, he would talk, again, about the times that the Kennedys let him, Wyatt Walker and Ralph Abernathy down at very critical times.

Other American families of wealth and politics, such as the Danforths, Rockefeller and Heinz probably have a more lasting record of assisting blacks toward economic justice. Surely Richard Nixon did more for Black Enterprise than did John Kennedy, but neither Nixon, nor Rockefeller nor Annenburg admits the mantlepiece of black homes. If a fair exchange is no robbery, the question that Black America should ponder now is, "has the relationship between us and the Kennedys been equitable or just a "one way" love affair?"

Local mayors meet on protection against lawsuits from corporate polluters

NEWARK — The City of Newark's Engineering Department, as part of its "Earth Day" planning effort, recently hosted local mayors at a forum on protecting New Jersey cities and counties against multi-million dollar lawsuits from corporate polluters through the statutes of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "Superfund."

The EPA's "Superfund" is a program that was established to clean up the country's worst toxic waste sites.

The forum, coordinated by Frank Sudol, manager of the City's Engineering and Contracts Administration division, was co-sponsored by the American Communities for Cleanup Equity (ACCCE).

Chief of Staff Jackie Mattison spoke on behalf of Mayor Sharpe James: "Unless local governments across the country work together, we will not be successful. Our opposition is large, well-funded, and experienced in Superfund. If we do nothing, we are apt to lose ground because the industrial

sector is upset about EPA guidelines and doesn't want to see anybody get out from under Superfund liability schemes."

Although the EPA's Municipal Settlement Policy states that the agency will not sue local governments for disposing of municipal waste, Sudol said corporations that have been found guilty of polluting "Superfund" sites with toxic waste are using a new legal tactic to sue local governments as "co-polluters," in an effort to recoup losses from legal judgments against them.

David Kolker, ACCCE representative, explained: "Superfund was intended to clean up old hazardous waste sites, and nearly 20 percent of the sites on the EPA's national priority list involve the co-disposal of ordinary municipal waste and hazardous waste. In other words, plain garbage has gotten mixed together with hazardous waste. Since ordinary garbage is at the sites, polluting corporations are now trying to make governments pay for cleanup costs solely on the basis of waste volume."

"If successful," he added, "cities, counties and other like agencies will have to pay for the majority of the clean-up costs, even though garbage and sewage sludge are very low in toxicity. Any city, county or similar agency that disposes of ordinary garbage or sewage sludge in a landfill is vulnerable."

Mattison added that it was "shameful and disgraceful that corporations, guilty of polluting the environment, are trying to pull cities and other local governments into a legal quagmire, while neglecting their own responsibilities."

For further information on this issue, please contact Sudol in the Newark Engineering Department (201-733-4356).

Kuwaiti opportunities

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keystone." Speakers at the briefing included officials of the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Small Business Administration, the Division of International Trade of the New Jersey Department of Commerce, the Export Import Bank, the New Jersey Department of Labor, the Small Business Development Center of Rutgers School of Management, the Procurement Technical Assistance Center at New Jersey Institute of Technology, the Export Trading Company of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the International Services Division for the Midwest of A.T.&T.

Businesses interested in obtaining further information about opportunities in connection with the rebuilding of Kuwait can contact Congressman Payne's Newark office at (201) 645-3213.

Me, Martin, Jack & Bobby

Marketing the key for small and large businesses

Additional participation needed to enlarge marketing seminars for black colleges and universities

WASHINGTON, DC — "Marketing works," Sam Hall, Manager, Community Programs, Pepsi-Cola Co., told guests at the NAEP's 16th National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education at the Washington Hilton Hotel and Towers recently.

"Marketing works for small enterprises and it is what makes giants of industry giants," Hall said.

Six years ago, Pepsi-Cola created the PEPSI/NAEP Marketing Seminar series to help provide marketing skills to 117 Historically and Predominantly Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Company research had

indicated that this was an area where the soft drink company could be helpful to black colleges and universities.

Hall said the company would "do what is necessary to make the seminar series more relevant and meaningful to the HBCU culture. In order to maximize the effectiveness of these workshops, however, additional participation and involvement is needed from the HBCU/NAEP community," Hall said.

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In addition, "a mini seminar" marketing workshop has been held at every NAEP National Conference in Washington since 1986. This year's workshop was conducted by Dr. Nat Irwin II, Vice Chancellor for Development and University Relations, Winston-Salem State University, on the topic: "Attracting Donors: Tapping Old and New Markets."

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An ordinance amending Sec. 2, Administration, Chapter 2, Office of the Mayor and Auxiliary, Section 40.4, Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBE) Self-Aid Program of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newark, New Jersey, 1986, as amended, is hereby submitted to the voters of the City of Newark for their approval or rejection by referendum.

Pursuant to Ordinance R-5 & F-4, Section 101, Annual Report adopted by the Municipal Council October 5, 1988, the following is a listing of the City of Newark submitted by the Acting Manager of the Office of Administrative Action Self-Aid Program.

Annual Report of 1989:
Self-Aid Registration
Registered 317 MBE's WBE's Contractors
243 (78.9%) MBE's
50 (15.7%) WBE's
27 (11.4%) WBE's
111 (45.0%) Non-Base MBE's/WBE's
517 (100%) verified

Self-Aid Contracts Awarded
Total dollar value for city contracts awarded on Self-Aid for 1989 was \$21,000,000

Smallest contract awarded: \$1,000.00 was split between one (1) MBE and one (1) WBE

2000 MBE's and 1000 WBE's CITY OWNED PROPERTIES (RENTALS)
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By Direction of the Municipal Council
Robert P. City Clerk

April 24, 1991

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Separate sealed proposals will be received by the Morris County Housing Authority on May 31, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. prevailing time in the Morris County Housing Authority at Morris Ave., 50 Ketch Road and West Haver Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey.

PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF FENCING AT MORRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECT, GREENPOD VILLAGE.

The specifications may be obtained at Morris County Housing Authority, Morris Ave., Ketch Road and West Haver Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey.

Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and the word "PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF FENCING AT MORRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECT, GREENPOD VILLAGE," addressed to the Morris County Housing Authority and presented in person. The proposal when submitted shall be accompanied by a Non-Collusion Affidavit.

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Robert L. Strasser
Executive Director
Morris County Housing Authority

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Mrs. Harris is a member of International Black Writers Conference, Charlotte, N.C., and also just completed Stationary Religious Notes, 10 envelopes, 5.25 per pack, plus postage.

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CITY SPORTS

American League Baseball Preview



by Fern Taylor

As promised, CITY NEWS takes a look at how baseball's American League shapes up in 1991. The selections are once again made by myself and Ronald E. Taylor:

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST
RON: 1. Boston 2. Toronto 3. Baltimore 4. Yankees 5. Detroit 6. Cleveland 7. Milwaukee

Comment: Ellis Burks is a very talented player who has played with injuries the last couple of years. If he is healthy he is one of the best in the game, along with Wade Boggs, Jack Clark, Mike Greenwell, and a pitching staff that features Roger Clemens, is just too much for any one else in this division to handle. This division, the last couple of years, has been the weakest and this year should prove no different.

FERN: 1. Toronto 2. Boston 3. Yankees 4. Detroit 5. Baltimore 6. Cleveland 7. Milwaukee

Comment: Unlike my distinguished colleague, I look for this once mediocre division to be much improved in '91. Toronto and Boston, with key free agent pick ups Joe Carter (Toronto) and Jack Clark (Boston) will probably challenge again for the crown, but the lower echelon teams are vastly improved—especially the Stinkies, I mean, the Yankees. (What else do you expect a Mets fan to say?) With Hensley "Bamb" Meulens, Kevin Maas and Roberto Kelly, the Bronx Bombers have a talented young nucleus to build from. Keep an eye on Cleveland's Albert Belle and Detroit's Cecil Fielder—who I expect to have another big year.

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEST
RON: 1. Oakland 2. Chicago 3. California 4. Seattle 5. Kansas City 6. Texas 7. Minnesota

Comment: Rickey Henderson is underpaid, compared to what the market is today; pay him and make him happy and the A's will run away with the division again.

Henderson is the best lead-off hitter in history of the game, and three more steals will make him the all-time leader in that category. The 34,5/6 (Cansco, D. Henderson, McGwire, Baines) hitters aren't bad either, and Dave Stewart and Dennis Eckersley head arguably the best staff in baseball. This division is getting stronger with the White Sox, Angels, and Mariners' all improving. But not enough yet.

FERN: 1. Oakland 2. Minnesota 3. Seattle 4. Chicago 5. California 6. Kansas City 7. Texas

Comment: Until a team in this division shows that it can overthrow the A's, I can't help but pick Oakland to finish on top again. The batting lineup, headed up by future Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson, is the most lethal in recent history. My sleeper here is Minnesota—look for Kirby Puckett and friends to bounce back from an inexplicable losing season of a year ago. Manny Sosa and the White Sox won't be so shabby either.

Youngsters invited to compete in the Arco Jesse Owens Games

PLAINFIELD: Local boys and girls born in the years 1978 thru 1983 are eligible to participate in the ARCO Jesse Owens Games on Sunday June 2, 1991.

Complete eligibility information is available from Carol Stewart, Director of the local meet for the City of Plainfield, Division of Recreation. She can be reached by telephoning 753-3096, or in person at Plainfield City Hall, 515 Watchung Avenue, prior to the sign-up deadline of May 15.

This qualifying meet is one of more than 500 similar meets held nationwide in a unique public/private partnership between Atlantic Richfield Company and local youth serving agencies, such as the Plainfield Recreation Department.

Youngsters placing first and second in the preliminary meet will qualify to participate in the Eastern Regional Championships to be held at LaSalle Univ. in Philadelphia, on June 29. Twenty-four first place winners at the Regional Meet (Groups 3 & 4) will advance to the National Championships to be held in Los Angeles, California.

The running and jumping events offered by the games are conducted in four age groups determined by the year of their birth: Group I 1983 and 1984; Group II 1981 and 1982; Group III 1979 and 1980; Group IV 1977 and 1978. The youngsters compete in the events of their choice from a slate including 50, 100, 200, 400 Meter races, Running Long Jump, Running High Jump and Soft Ball Throw.

The Arco Jesse Owens Games are designed to act as an introduction to the sport of Track and Field for the beginning level athlete. The program is open to all boys and girls wishing to participate and who meet the eligibility requirements. Participation and exposure to this recreational experience are the prime concerns of the Arco Jesse Owens Games. These games are named in honor

of this country's greatest Track and Field competitor, Jesse Owens, who won four gold medals in the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games.

This year, eight regions of the country, ranging from Alaska to Texas, will be represented at the 77th annual running of the games which culminates with an all-expense paid trip to Los Angeles and the National Championships for twenty-four first place winners of each Regional Meet.

The 192 Regional Winners (24 per region) and their chaperones will be treated to a four day, all expense paid national trip to Los Angeles, California. Here they will be housed in residential dormitories at the LaSalle Univ. All national participants will participate in special group activities including a day at Disneyland. Following the National Championships Meet, all national participants are honored at the Annual Jesse Owens Games Hall Of Fame Banquet.

Future leaguer



Daniel Williams II who plays for Expo's sits and meditates before his turn at bat at Plainfield Little League Field.

photo by Ray Bailey



PLAINFIELD: Glenwood "The Real Bear" Brown signs autographs at Coaches' Lockroom. He will meet fellow Plainfielder Tracy "Star Ben" Sparr for a "Community Toast" at Grant Avenue Community Center 402 West Seventh St. on April 28 at 3 p.m. Milt Campbell, 1956 Olympic Decathlon Champion will make a special guest appearance. Ms. Lauren Lawson will dedicate a song to the bidders. Admission is free. Sponsored by: City of Plainfield, Grant Avenue Community Center, United Organizations for Plainfield, Plainfield Area Ebony Police Association, Community Oriented Fire Fighters for Eminent Equality, and Kingman Motorcycle Club.

photo by Ray Bailey

Earth Day began Plainfield's 10-week Spring Clean Up

PLAINFIELD: Mayor, Harold W. Mitchell, has announced his second annual "Spring Cleanup Campaign." The expanded 1991 Cleanup Campaign was initiated by the nationally celebrated Earth Day, on Sunday, April 21, and; this year, will run for ten weeks ending on Friday, June 28. Mayor Mitchell reiterated that a cleaner city continues to be a top priority for his administration. The Mayor said, "previous campaigns have been successful and well received by the public and that this annual program will continue to provide a focal point for coordinated and concentrated cleanup activities in the city for both the public and

the private sector."

The Mayor indicated that, as before, this year's activities are coordinated by the Department of Public Works and Urban Development. Providing additional details on the program, David Ervin, the director of that department said, "The 1991 program includes an introduction of several new initiatives over last year's program."

"In addition to the Spring Leaf pickup and cleanup of illegal dump sites provided last year, other featured activities include: a pot-hole repair program; upgrading of various public trash receptacles; an expanded listing of recycling items acceptable for drop-off at the Rock Avenue transfer station with half day operation on Saturday; daily cleanup of selected highly visible public areas; Tree Trimming activities in the City's Business District; and initiation of a new scheduled street

sweeping program aimed at providing a minimum once a month sweep of residential streets and improved effectiveness in the business areas." Division employees have assisted in developing many of the activities and are up to the challenge."

Mayor Mitchell advised, "residents should carefully read and follow instructions you will be receiving in the mail soon announcing the spring pickup schedule and providing details and other information affecting resident participation." He further, urged participation and co-operation by all residents and businesses by focusing on their yard cleaning activities during this program to help project a cleaner image for the city. Residents may pick up information brochures at City Hall next week and can also call the Division of Public Works, at 753-3427 for more information on the cleanup program or schedule.

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